

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Smizik of Brookline in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God, Our Creator, in Whom we place our hope and trust, we look to You for guidance as we take up the items on our agenda for this day. As we struggle to make our personal and legislative choices and to select our best available options, help us to make the right, suitable and honorable decisions. We also pray for the wisdom to make our communities stable, safe, civil and prosperous. In this age of violence in many places around the world, may we continue, as a society, to respect and recognize the dignity of each person. Inspire us to continue our tradition of protecting the civil, human and religious rights of all people.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Smizik), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Irene Davey. Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Lepper of Attleboro and Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Irene Davey on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Braintree, town vacancies. By Mr. Driscoll of Braintree, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4489) of Joseph R. Driscoll and others (by vote of the town) relative to the filling of vacancies in certain elected offices in the town of Braintree. To the committee on Election Laws.

Groton, town charter. By Mr. Hargraves of Groton, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4490) of Robert S. Hargraves and Steven C. Panagiotakos (by vote of the town) relative to the establishment of a charter for the town of Groton;

Walpole, buffer restriction. By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4491) of Louis L. Kafka and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Walpole be authorized to release a portion of a certain zoning restriction within said town;

By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4492) of Michael F. Rush and others (by vote of the town) that the transportation board of the town of Brookline be authorized to establish regulations for valet parking in said town; Brookline, valet parking.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4493) of Frank I. Smizik and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to lease a certain parcel of land to the Brookline Arts Center, Inc.; Brookline, land lease.

By Ms. Stanley of West Newbury, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4494) of Harriett L. Stanley and Steven A. Baddour (by vote of the town) that the town of Merrimac be authorized to establish a department of public works; and Merrimac, public works.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4495) of Eric Turkington (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Chilmark to transfer a certain of land for other parcels of land in said town owned by Howard B. Hillman; Chilmark, Howard B. Hillman.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4496) of Garrett J. Bradley and Robert L. Hedlund (by vote of the town) that the position of deputy fire chief in the town of Hingham be exempt from provisions of the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service. Hingham, deputy fire chief.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Calter of Kingston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas J. Calter (by vote of the town) relative to the exchange of a certain parcel of land between the town of Kingston and the Department of Highways for the construction of a ramp on Route 3. Kingston, Route 3 ramp.

By Mr. Fagan of Taunton, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James H. Fagan that the Department of Public Health be directed to establish regulations for the testing of infants for Crabbe disease. Crabbe disease, infant testing.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation to promote the reduction of green house gas emissions and to reduce the use of fossil fuels for motor vehicles in the Commonwealth. Greenhouse gases, emissions.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at a quarter before seven o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 24, 2008, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth. Joint convention.

A Bill to generate renewable energy and efficiency now (Senate, No. 2468) (on Senate bill No. 2457), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Renewable energy.

Douglas,  
Watershed  
District.

A petition of Richard T. Moore and Paul Kujawski (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the Whitin Reservoir Watershed District in the town of Douglas, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2344) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*Reports of Committees.*

Saugus,  
Corporal  
Procopio  
Bridge.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Mark V. Falzone and others for legislation to dedicate a certain bridge over Route 1 in the town of Saugus as the Cpl. Scott J. Procopio Saugus American Legion Post 210 Bridge. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kujawski of Webster, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Springfield.

House bills  
Exempting the city of Springfield from certain provisions of the General Laws (House, No. 4082);

Tewksbury.

Relative to a parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 4399); and

Natick,  
retired  
police.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Natick (House, No. 4401);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

*Emergency Measure.*

John  
Sullivan,  
sick leave  
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Sullivan, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2395), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill  
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the annual observance of Thrombosis Awareness Month (see House, No. 4288) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill  
enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing the North Carver Water District (Senate, No. 2308), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill relative to the issuance of certain bonds by the town of Wellfleet (House, No. 4036), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. H

The House Bill making technical corrections to Chapter one hundred ninety-six of the Acts of two thousand and six concerning certain civil service positions in the city of Worcester (House, No. 3981) was read a third time. Third reading  
bill amended.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by substitution of a Bill relative to certain civil service positions in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4497), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Casey of Winchester (Mr. Smizik of Brookline being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.